

SKIN TIGHT

PART II: Face up to aging without spending an arm and leg

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Last week we ran part one of a roundup of products designed to keep your face looking fresh and luminous. Today we show you more products that should help you on your journey to clearer, firmer, less-lined skin. Remember to ask around before spending gobs of money, and be sure to ask if samples are available. Please write and let us know if you have found a particularly effective anti-aging product that we can share with other readers.



MD SKINCARE

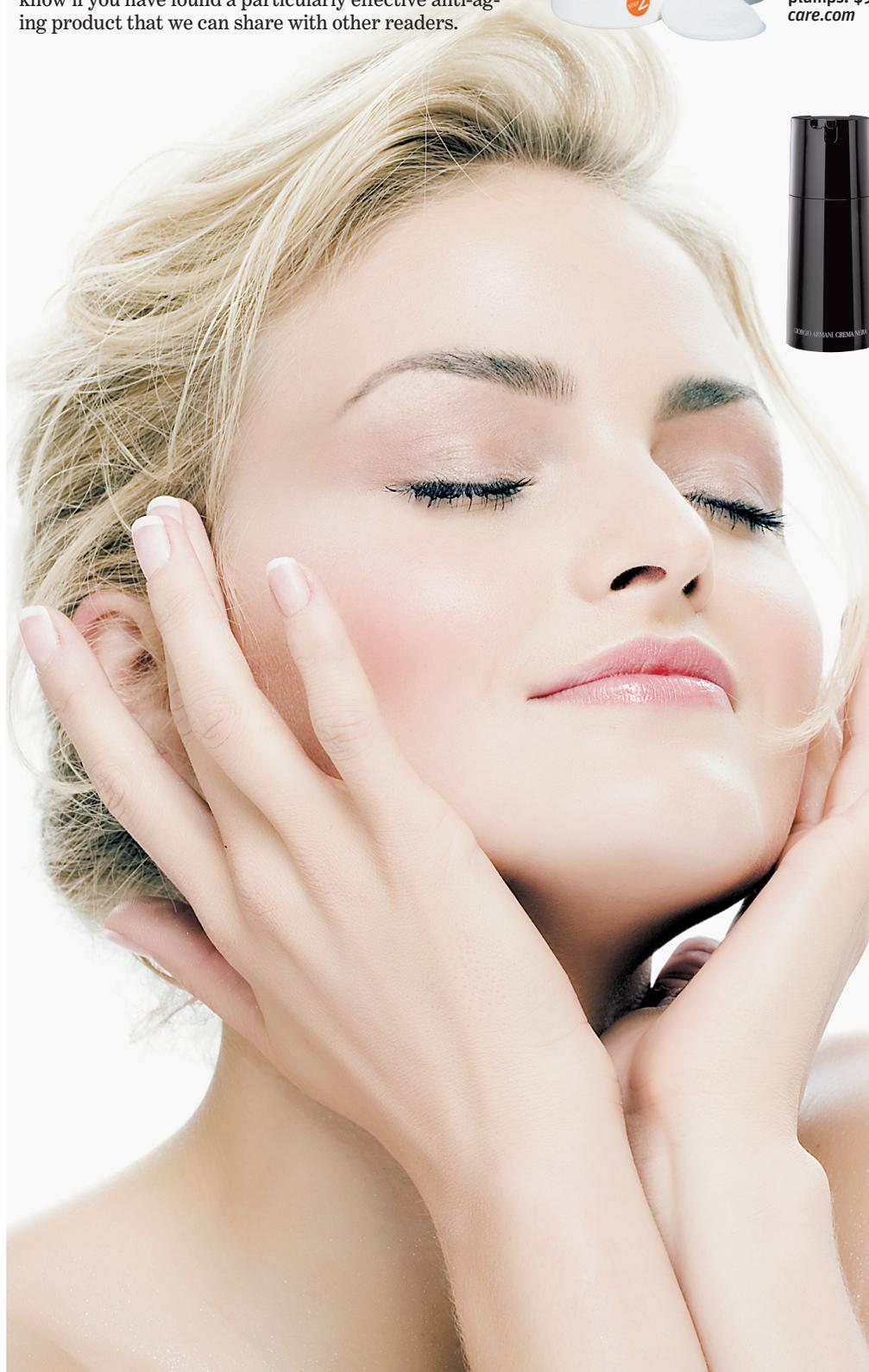
The Alpha Beta Daily Face Peel is an absolute must-have. The first pad firms skin and exfoliates; the second pad calms the skin with botanicals. The result: radiant skin (\$78). Also try Hydra-Pure Eye-Firming Cream. It depuffs, hydrates and plumps. \$90, mdskincare.com

Dr. Dennis Gross, founder of one of the hottest skin-care systems on the market, MD Skincare, believes that women want products that “show immediate results and have long-term benefits.” Such as his megaseller Alpha Beta Daily Face Peel, which I became aware of after three estheticians in a row touted it. I tried it, and was sold from the first use.



Dr. Dennis Gross

You can't rebuild collagen overnight, but if you stick with his Hydra-Pure antioxidant and vitamin C serums, you will see firmer, plumper skin. In his MD Skincare line, Dr. Gross uses a Chelating Complex, which helps eliminate free radicals from your skin and makes a visible difference by revealing clearer skin. The non-fragrant products are made for every age and skin type.



GIORGIO ARMANI CREMA NERA RESTORING SERUM

This velvety serum consists of four minerals found in volcanic obsidian and gives you the sensation of giving your face a mineral bath. This extremely concentrated serum goes right to work, zeroing in on your deepest wrinkles and immediately repairing cracking skin. I'm a believer. \$250, Neiman.marcus.com



LANCÔME GENIFIQUE YOUTH ACTIVATING COMPLEX

Just a few drops a day of this nifty new product, and you'll see amazing changes in your skin tone and a remarkable radiance. It's also designed to stimulate youth proteins and give your skin a plumpness that has been lost due to aging. \$78, lancome-usa.com



BIOLOGIQUE RECHERCHE

Before your nightly moisturizing regimen, it's essential to exfoliate, and this is one of the best ones on the market. It also hydrates and tones the skin, while helping to get rid of oil buildup and blackheads and whiteheads. Just soak some of the liquid on a cotton ball and dab on the skin. Perfect preparation for beautiful skin. \$45, biologique-recherche.com



EMERGIN C CREASE EASE EMULSION

A fantastic, no-needles wrinkle “easer” powered by peptides that smoothes and relaxes the skin. Use every day for 30 days for marked wrinkle reduction. \$145, emerginc.com



AHAVA 3D ESSENCE AMPOULES

Made from pure minerals from the Dead Sea, these little ampoules contain elixirs that moisturize and rejuvenate the skin. Three 10-day treatments are included, and with regular use, you, too, will see a fresh, plump, unlined face. Just use one before you go to sleep each night. \$90, ahavaus.com



REMEDE INTENSIVE DOUBLE SERUM

Marvelous combination of oxygen and vitamin C to boost collagen and stimulate cell metabolism. It reveals sparkling, luminous skin that people will notice. \$130, remede.com

OLE HENRIKSEN VISUAL TRUTH EYE CREME

A perfect eye cream for morning and evening; it uses African red tea and vitamin C to fight wrinkles and change the skin's texture. The thick cream calms and relaxes the skin, and feels and smells great. \$45, sephora.com



ZIA, APPLE REFINING MASK

At \$24.95, this super mask works as well as much higher-priced firming products. It clarifies discolorations and minimizes pores with a cream filled with apple juice, pectin and willow bark. zianatural.com